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## PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON PETITION FOR WAIVER FILED BY ALASKA WIRELESS NETWORK, LLC

PS Docket Nos. 10-255 and 11-153

Comment Date: May 14, 2015  
Reply Comment Date: May 19, 2015

On December 31, 2014, Alaska Wireless Network, LLC (AWN) filed a petition<sup>1</sup> requesting a waiver of Section 20.18(n) of the Commission's rules requiring all covered text providers to be "text-capable" by December 31, 2014 in order to support text-to-911 service for any requesting Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP).<sup>2</sup> In its petition, AWN states that as a Tier III carrier serving Alaska, it faces unique financial and technical constraints in meeting the text-capable requirement by the deadline, and that technical issues associated with its deployment of an LTE network currently render it unable to route 911 texts to the appropriate PSAP.<sup>3</sup> AWS also notes that to date, no Alaska PSAP has requested text-to-911 service.<sup>4</sup> AWS contends that enforcement of the requirement in this instance would be inequitable and unduly burdensome, and requests a one-year waiver of the rule.<sup>5</sup> We seek comment on AWN's request.

### Procedural Matters

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document. **All filings related to this Public Notice should refer to PS Docket No. 10-255 and 11-153.**

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs>.

<sup>1</sup> Petition for Waiver, Alaska Wireless Network, LLC, PS Docket No. 11-153 (filed Dec. 31, 2014) (Petition).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 20.18(n).

<sup>3</sup> Petition at 1-3.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 4.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* at 2.

- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

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- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
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Parties may access documents submitted in **PS Docket Nos. 10-255 and 11-153**, including the request for partial waiver, by visiting the Commission's ECFS and inputting **10-255 or 11-153** in the "Proceeding" search field. These documents are also available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from BCPI. Email [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, (voice) (202) 418-0530, (TTY) (202)-418-0432 to request materials in formats accessible to people with disabilities, *e.g.* Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format.

Because of the policy implications and potential impact of this proceeding on persons not party to the Application, it is in the public interest to treat this case as a permit-but-disclose proceeding under the *ex parte* rules. See Sections 1.1200(a) and 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200(a) and 1.1206. Therefore, subsequent to the release of this *Public Notice*, *ex parte* presentations that are made with respect to the issues involved in the subject waiver request will be allowed, but must be disclosed in accordance with the requirements of Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

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By the Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau.

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